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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because in line 2 “in” should be deleted before “opposite”. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by 5,545,093).

Regarding claim 1, Constestabile et al discloses a billiard chalk assembly comprising: a case (the broadest reasonable interpretation of case would include second housing 14) having an open top (see figure 7) and a rubbing plate (see figure 2; cap 82 which can also have an abrasive surface; also see column 5, lines 19-23) is connected to an outside of the case, a chalk piece (chalk block shown in figure 7) received in the case and a top surface of the chalk piece extending from the open top of the case (see figure 2), and a cover (the broadest reasonable interpretation of cover would include first housing 12) having a hole (recessed, flat annular surface 22) defined through a top thereof and the case (14) removably received (threadably engaged 26/28) in the cover (12) from an open bottom of the cover, the top surface of the chalk piece contacting an inside of the top of the cover (see figures 1 and 6).

Regarding claim 2, Constestabile et al shows the rubbing plate (cap 82) is located opposite to the open top of the case (housing 14; see figure 2).

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Regarding claim 3, Constestabile et al shows the outside (the base of the case) of the case (14) includes a recess (best seen in figures 4 and 5) defined therein and a groove (the inner diameter of disc 62) is defined in a surface of the recess, a periphery of the rubbing plate (82) engaged with the groove.

Regarding claim 4, Constestabile et al shows the height of the case (14) is two third of a height of the cover (12; best seen in figure 1).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mitra Aryanpour whose telephone number is 571-272-4405. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 10:00 to 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Greg Vidovich can be reached on 571-272-4415. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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